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RE: TM-04-07 National Organic Program, Sunset Review. (June 17, 2005)

Dear Sir:

As per the Docket TM-04-07 request for comments:

The Agriculture Marketing Service believes that public comment is essential to determine whether the ingredients/substances listed in the National Organic Program's National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances should continue in the production and handling of organic agriculture products. It would be our comment that Citric Acid under section 205.605 NOP National List be renewed, having been previously determined by the NOSB for consistency with OFPA and it's implementing regulations and as such should be renewed in Oct 2007. In addition Citric Acid continues to be an approved ingredient within the US Code of Federal Regulations Part 184 and as all food additives are considered necessary and safe (FDA New Digest, July 25th 2005)

Sincerely,



Joanne Cooney